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Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its commitment to promoting international cooperation, as set forth in the Charter of the United Nations, in particular Article 1, paragraph 3, as well as relevant provisions of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993,[1] for enhancing genuine cooperation among Member States in the field of human rights,

Recalling its resolution 55/109 of 4 December 2000, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2001/67 of 25 April 2001 on the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights,[2] and recalling also General Assembly resolution 55/23 of 13 November 2000 on the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations,

Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration[3] of 8 September 2000 and the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance of September 2001, and the great contribution that these events have made in the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights,

Recalling its decision to proclaim the year 2001 as the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and China.

[1] A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.

[2] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2001, Supplement No. 3* (E/2001/23), chap. II, sect. A.

[3] Resolution 55/2.

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Recognizing that the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights is essential for the full achievement of the purposes of the United Nations, including the effective promotion of dialogue on human rights issues,

Reaffirming that dialogue among religions, cultures and civilizations in the field of human rights could contribute greatly to the enhancement of international cooperation in this field,

Emphasizing the need for further progress in the promotion and encouragement of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms through, inter alia, international cooperation,

Underlining the fact that mutual understanding, dialogue, cooperation, transparency and confidence-building are important elements in all the activities for the promotion and protection of human rights,

Recalling the adoption of resolution 2000/22 of 18 August 2000, entitled "Promotion of dialogue on human rights issues", by the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights at its fifty-second session,[4]

1. *Reaffirms* that it is one of the purposes of the United Nations and the responsibility of all Member States to promote, protect and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms through, inter alia, international cooperation;

2. *Reaffirms also* that dialogue among cultures and civilizations facilitates the promotion of a culture of tolerance and respect for diversity, and notes in this respect the holding of the Asian Conference on Dialogue among Civilizations in Tehran on 17 February 2001, as well as the first meeting of the group of eminent persons on a dialogue among civilizations, held in Vienna in December 2000;

3. *Considers* that international cooperation in this field, in conformity with the purposes and principles set out in the Charter of the United Nations and international law, should make an effective and practical contribution to the urgent task of preventing violations of human rights and of fundamental freedoms for all;

4. *Reaffirms* that the promotion, protection and full realization of all human rights and fundamental freedoms should be guided by the principles of universality, non-selectivity, objectivity and transparency, in a manner consistent with the purposes and principles set out in the Charter;

5. *Calls upon* Member States, specialized agencies and intergovernmental organizations to continue to carry out a constructive dialogue and consultations for the enhancement of understanding and the promotion and protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, and encourages non-governmental organizations to contribute actively to this endeavour;

6. *Invites* States and relevant United Nations human rights mechanisms and procedures to continue to pay attention to the importance of mutual cooperation, understanding and dialogue in ensuring the promotion and protection of all human rights;

7. *Decides* to continue its consideration of this question at its fifty-seventh session.

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[4] See E/CN.4/2001/2-E/CN.4/Sub.2/2000/46, chap. II, sect. A.